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OAU SECRETARY GENERAL EKANGAKI CALLS FOR CONTINENTAL UNITY
ACCORDING TO SONNA NEWS BULLETIN JUNE 6. REPORT AS FOLLOWS:
BEGIN REPORT - SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN
UNITY (OAU), SAID IN AN INTERVIEW WITH SONNA THAT THE BASIC AIM
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR THE FIRST TEN YEARS WAS TO LAY DOWN
THE BASIC FOUNDATION FOR CONTINENTAL UNITY.

HE ADDED, "THE CONTINENT HAS NOT YET MADE THE DESIRED PRO-
GRESS TOWARDS UNITY, BUT I EXPECT THIS ORGANIZATION WILL TAKE
EFFECTIVE STEPS, WITHIN THIS DECADE WHICH WILL BRING ABOUT
AFRICAN UNITY."

TALKING ABOUT THE ASSISTANCE THAT THE OAU HAS BEEN GIVING
TO AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, HE SAID THE OAU HAS FULLY
SUPPORTED THEM BECAUSE IT IS A DUTY INCUMBENT UPON EVERY AFRICAN
TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE LIBERATION OF THE CONTINENT.

ASKED ABOUT HIS INTENTIONS TO RESIGN, HE REMARKED THAT HE
WAS NOT PREPARED TO MAKE ANY STATEMENT UNTIL THE MEETING OF THE
AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE.

WHEN HE WAS ASKED IF HE HAD A SUCCESSOR IN MIND, IN THE
EVENT OF ACCEPTANCE OF HIS RESIGNATION, HE SAID THE HEADS OF
STATES ARE THE ONES WHO CHOOSE THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE OAU.
END REPORT.

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